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[REDACTED] immediate problem for
determination by government in royal question is one of
parliamentary procedure. This is now under discussion
by the party leaders and Cabinet will take a decision,
he thought, by tomorrow. He repeated twice that he did
not believe there would be dissolution and that very
likely both Chambers will convene Tuesday next in
joint session. Leopold, he said, will wait in Switzerland
for parliamentary action, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] careful to avoid prophesying the nature
of parliamentary action and his confidence, seemed to
be limited to the point that Parliament would not be
dissolved. He expressed the opinion that Leopold's
communication emphasizing determination to adhere
rigorously to procedure laid down by Belgian constitution
is wise.

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